

SYNOPSIS.

EPISODE 1

 "LES DEUX GAMINES"
 (TWO LITTLE URCHINS) ✓

FLOWERS OF PARIS

Lisette FLEURY, the operatic star, was about to leave for France for a world tour. Within the broken family circle the news proved most disconcerting. Lisette's two little daughters, Ginette and Gaby, were wondering what they would do without her for nearly a year; Chambertin, leading comedian, friend of Lisette's and godfather to her two daughters was beginning to wonder how he would discharge the responsibility of guardianship of the children during her absence: and last there was Pierre Manin, the reckless gambler and ne'er-do-well divorced husband of Lisette FLEURY, and the father of her two little girls. Pierre was wondering to whom he could turn for money when he was "hard up" after Lisette had gone. On the sad day of parting, Chambertin took the two little children up on the hill behind Marseilles, and there they watched the "HIMALAYA" carrying their mother away to the East. It was the last anybody saw of the HIMALAYA. A few days later the news came that she had sunk with all on board, and Gaby and Ginette were left without a mother and to all intents and purposes, without a father. Chambertin took them to their only relative, their grandfather M. BERTAL. Rene and Blanche shared the sorrow of their cousins Gaby and Ginette, and it was little Rene who suggested that as Lisette's grave, the sea, was only fifteen miles away, they should gather flowers and strew them over the waves. And when Grandad BERTAL had gone to bed, the four children set out.

END OF THE FIRST EPISODE

TWO LITTLE URCHINS

EPISODE 11

INTO THE CATARACT

The children were overtaken by a Prince Charming and his Fairy Princess, on their way to a fancy dress fete, and the Prince not only carried them in his car to the sea but promised that it should take them back home again. But when they returned they found the gates locked and Grandfather Bertal very angry. In the morning, an interfering neighbour urged old Bertal to send Ginette to the House of Correction. With misgivings in his heart old Bertal agreed to this proposal. But Ginette heard everything, and that night she ran up into the mountains, followed by Bertal. Suddenly, in the darkness she missed her footing on the edge of a precipice. Old Bertal heard her cry above the roar of the torrent, but he was too late to save her.

END OF EPISODE 11

TWO LITTLE URCHINS

EPISODE 111

DIAMOND CUT DIAMOND

Early in the morning Ginette was rescued by M. de Bersagne, her Prince Charming, and taking him into her confidence, she implored his protection. Old Bertal, tortured by memories of the disappearance of Ginette, decided to leave his house and take the children with him to Paris. When Ginette was well again, she was alarmed to find that her grandfather had disappeared with Gaby and wrote to Chambertin asking him to find her sister. It happened that on this evening, Ginette and the nurse had been left alone. Hardly had the nurse left the house to post the letter than Ginette heard a burglar downstairs. But when, with great courage, she commanded his surrender at the point of the revolver, she was amazed to discover that the intruder was her own father. As the latter would not listen to her entreaties not to steal things belonging to her rescuer, she screamed for help, and Pierre immediately gagged her and carried her out.

END OF EPISODE 111

TWO LITTLE URCHINS

EPISODE 1V

BACK FROM THE GRAVE

Pierre, with Ginette, was now in hiding in a low quarter of Marseilles, but the police were watching Ginette's life in the slums soon began to have an effect upon her health. Her unhappiness touched Pierre's heart and for her sake he determined that he would try to live honestly; but he had hardly made his good resolution than one of his associates came on the scene to share out the proceeds of the burglary at M. de Bersagne's house. Ginette interfered and for a moment she was in danger of violence. Manin defended her, and, at the height of the quarrel, the police came to the door. The two men slipped out of the window, and made their escape over the roofs, but Ginette was caught and placed under arrest.

END OF EPISODE 1V

TWO LITTLE URCHINS

EPISODE V

ACROSS THE GAY CITY

By a ruse Ginette succeeded in getting away and went to Chambertin, but within a few minutes another police officer arrived to arrest her. However, Chambertin effected her escape and took her to her father. Manin assured Chambertin he had decided to turn over a new leaf, and as soon as Ginette and her godfather had left him, he went straight to a second-hand clothes shop for a new outfit which would help to disguise him. He had no difficulty in getting a job in a little cafe, but he had been in the cafe but a few hours before an apache attacked the proprietress. Manin came to the rescue and knocked the apache out, but as the latter fell, he struck his head, and dropped to the floor lifeless. In mortal fear of falling into the hands of the police again. Manin begged the woman, whom he had saved to let him escape: and so he disappeared.

END OF EPISODE V

TWO LITTLE URCHINS

EPISODE VI

TESTED BY ACID

The police called to investigate the death of the unknown man in the care, and discovered that he was wearing a pair of trousers apparently belonging to Pierre Manin, and not knowing that he had stolen them from the shop where Manin had exchanged his clothing, they naturally concluded that the dead man was Pierre. Chambertin had taken Ginette back to Grandpa Bertal and Gaby, but to help Ginette to keep out of the clutches of the police, it was decided that she should go and live with M. de Bersagne. The newspaper reports of her father's death, however, quickly brought her out of hiding again, but, with the help of Bersagne, she succeeded in finding him again, and he decided to get another job.

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EPISODE VII

THE WONDERFUL OCEAN

Greater happiness than Gaby and Ginette had anticipated was awaiting them; their mother cabled from the hospital at Port Said to tell them that she had been saved from the wreck and would be home in three weeks. But a few days later, Maugars, the only other survivor, arrived in Paris to concoct with his uncle Benazar, the second-hand clothes dealer, a scheme for getting some of Lisette's money. Old Benazar shared the secret of Manin's escape and false identity, and decided to profit by it. With a plausible message calling them to their father, he succeeded in getting Ginette and Gaby to leave de Bersagne's house at night and go with him. They were taken into the country, and locked up in the custody of Flora Benazar, who forced Ginette to sign a letter to Chambertin asking him to ransom her and her sister; but later, Ginette seizing an opportunity, succeeded in escaping with Gaby. In the darkness the two children lost their way, and tired out, Ginette sat down to nurse Gaby and watch over her while she slept.

END OF EPISODE VII

TWO LITTLE URCHINS

EPISODE Vlll

THROWN TO THE WOLVES

The next day, Chambertin and M. de Bersagne received the proposal of old Benazar and Maugars to ransom the children at a cost of 50,000 francs. Quite expecting that the money would be paid, Benazar and his rascally nephew arranged to take Chambertin and M. de Bersagne to the children, but, of course, their journey was in vain. On their way back to the station, Benazar and Flora stopped outside an hotel where Ginette and Gaby were resting. Ginette was alarmed to find her enemies in such close proximity, but she found a way of hearing every word they said about her escape. They decided to write to the police informing them that Pierre Manin was not dead, and that he was the man responsible for the murder of the man in the cafe. In her anxiety for her father, Ginette forgot all caution, and, jumping out from behind the shutters which had hidden her, she snatched at the letter.

END OF EPISODE Vlll

TWO LITTLE URCHINS

EPISODE 1X

THE COVENANT

Poor Ginette was unlucky, but eventually the rogues promised not to send the letter if she would go with them for a few days. Back in Paris, Maugars' attempts to get at Manin were frustrated by M. de Bersagne and Chambertin. Ginette's disappearance from the hotel was discovered and the news conveyed to Manin. The latter immediately went to the old clothes shop and purchased a revolver. So when Benazar and Flora arrived with Ginette, they found a surprise waiting for them. In a few minutes Ginette was free again; but the rogues were watching their opportunity to strike the revolver out of Manin's hand and turn the tables on him.

END OF EPISODE 1X

TWO LITTLE URCHINS

EPISODE X

THROUGH THE DARK VALLEY

Overpowered by numbers, Manin was quickly overcome. Ginette was sent to report to Chambertin that Manin was a prisoner, and she went on to give the news to M. de Bersagne. Meanwhile, Chambertin arrived at the old clothes shop to investigate the disappearance of Manin, but the old rogue called for help, and in a few moments he had his visitor tied up and deposited in the cellar. Manin had succeeded in escaping, and in a desire to expiate his former misconduct by an heroic sacrifice, offered himself at a hospital to undergo an operation for transfusion of blood to save a young woman who was dying. The discovery that Chambertin had disappeared sent M. de Bersagne to the old clothes shop, but his search of the premises revealed nothing, for in the meantime Chambertin had been hidden in a bundle of rags and sent to one of Benazar's relatives who was big rag dealer.

END OF EPISODE X

TWO LITTLE URCHINS

EPISODE XI

MOUNDS OF MYSTERY

Chambertin awoke from a heavy sleep to find himself being hauled out of the middle of a bundle of rags and locked up in a cellar. Meanwhile Manin had given much of his blood, but the success of the operation had left, him very weak; The day passed and with nightfall a man was sent with supper for Chambertin, who, having anticipated the visit, was ready to jump on him. In a moment he had turned the tables on his jailer; but his escape was soon discovered, and with dogs let loose, he had to climb over the roofs to safety. So Chambertin came home, and discovered that the kiddies had left for Marseilles with old Bertal, and that Manin was still missing. At the moment, indeed, the doctors were bending over Pierre in earnest consultation. The sacrifice of blood had been too much for his constitution, and there seemed no prospect of saving him.

END OF EPISODE XI

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EPISODE XII

THE GOLDEN SUNSET

M. de BERSAGNE and Chambertin were discussing the disappearance of Manin when Chambertin was called to the hospital. M. de Bersagne went with him and found the solution of the mystery; but, unfortunately, it was a sad solution. Chambertin tried to cheer Manin up by telling him that he would see his children on the following day, but Manin told him that tomorrow would be too late. At Marseilles, Ginette and Gaby found their mother. As for the little band of rogues at the clothes shop, they were just sitting down to discuss a new way of extorting money when the police, headed by Chambertin, raided the shop, and arrested all three. In the morning, Lisette, Ginette and Gaby came to see Manin. The poor fellow had indeed expiated his sins. So he died, happy in the forgiveness of his wife and children. After the sorrow of Pierre's death had passed, the two little urchins settled down happily with Lisette again. But there was soon to be another separation, for M. de Bersagne and Ginette were hopelessly in love with one another, and they both came to the conclusion that it was time that they were married. So everybody was happy - all except Chambertin. Ginette's good friend was sad-because he was in love.

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